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Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County Sponsors  
"No Room for Poverty Bowl-a-Thon"

(San Bernardino) Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) will join other Community Action Agencies and thousands of Americans to attend the "No Room for Poverty Rally" on September 4, 2004 in Washington DC. The event, sponsored by the National Community Action Partnership, is being held to spotlight America's growing poverty problems.

CAPSBC is sponsoring a Bowl-a-Thon on Saturday, July 31, 2004 to raise funds to send a group of low-income residents to participate in the rally. The Bowl-a-Thon will take place at Del Rosa Lanes, 1499 E. Highland Ave. from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This fundraiser is for a great cause and is guaranteed to be a super fun day with raffle prizes throughout the day.

All contributions are tax deductible. Other cash donations can be made directly to the CAPSBC at 686 E. Mill St., San Bernardino, CA 92415. Funds raised will be used to offset expenses (such as travel and hotel costs) of sending these clients to Washington, DC.

"We felt it is important to attend the rally because we see everyday how poverty devastates families and communities," said Patricia L. Nickols, CAPSBC Executive Director. "If the nation commits to increasing resources and crafting new solutions, we can work toward eradicating it."

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The Community Action network is calling for a White House Conference on American Poverty because only the White House can bring together the caliber of experience theorists, practitioners, and policymakers needed to address this issue.

“A White House Conference on American Poverty is an excellent opportunity for our leaders to develop strategies and solutions for ending poverty,” said Derrick Span, national president of the Community Action Partnership. “This begins with acknowledging the positive impact human services programs have had on our country’s poor individuals and making a commitment to preserve funding.”

The rally is being held as a part of the Community Action Partnership’s 2004 Annual Convention and will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Community Action. “This rally is a very fitting way to pay tribute to our four decades of helping people and changing lives,” said Patricia Nickols. “We’ll be celebrating our success in leading the way for 13 million low-income Americans each year, while asking the nation to make fighting poverty a priority.”

Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) is a private non-profit public benefit corporation. CAPSBC is one of the 1,000 Community Action Agencies nationwide dedicated to assisting low-income individuals and families become stable and self-sufficient. The vision of CAPSBC is “thinking globally, acting locally to build healthy communities one family at a time. CAPSBC is charged with serving over 800,000 low-income families and individuals, elderly, homeless and disadvantaged residents of San Bernardino County each year.

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